GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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TRAVEL AMENITIES TO SPORTS PERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any delay in issuance of travel plan of some athletes/ sports persons for Asian Games at Incheon, South Korea held in the recent past leading to a longer period of the Journey;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons thereof along with the officials/ persons responsible for the same; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government to provide better amenities to the sports persons to avoid such episode in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) & (b): Madam, due to some lack of coordination between Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) with regard to timely accreditation of shooters, who were taking part in the 51st ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) World Championship 2014 held from 6th to 20th September, 2014 at Granada (Spain), the athletes could not go directly from Spain to Incheon for Asian Games 2014. They had to come to India to apply for visa for South Korea in the absence of accreditation cards, and then they proceeded to Incheon for taking part in Asian Games 2014. They were given accreditation cards on their arrival at Incheon.

(c): It is the responsibility of IOA and concerned National Sports Federations (NSFs) to take timely action in completion of formalities relating to accreditation of players, coaches etc. and make their travel plan for taking part in multi-disciplinary sports events such as Olympic Games, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games.